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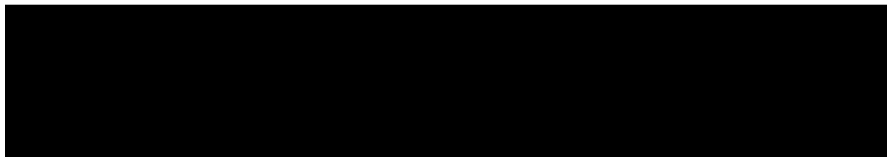
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## PREFACE

President Anwar al-Sadat is currently faced with two major tasks: finding a solution to the deteriorating economic situation and taking part in negotiations with Israel that will try to find a permanent solution to the longstanding Arab-Israeli dispute. To prepare for these tasks he has put into effect a major leadership change. He designated a new Prime Minister on 14 April 1975 and formed a new Cabinet the following day. On 16 April he quietly removed Husayn al-Shafi'i, the next to last member of the Free Officers Movement still active in government (Sadat himself is the last). He replaced Shafi'i with one of the heroes of the October 1973 Arab-Israeli war, Husni Mubarak, former head of the air force and a member of what Sadat has called "the new generation of Egyptian leaders."

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